GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Surprise check conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Authorities on Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on 03/04.06.2016 - Allegations of corrupt practices against Sri V. Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District – Accused Officer placed on his defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings repealed – Articles of Charges issued – Written Statement of Defense received – Case entrusted to the departmental inquiry duly withdrawing from the Commissionerate of Inquiries – Appointment of Sri K. Mahaboob Basha, IFS., Divisional Forest Officer (T), Nellore as an Inquiry Officer – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 130 **Dated: 03-11-2025**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.64/DES-NNL/2016, dated 30.01.2018.
2)Memo.No.2479/Sec.IV/A1/2018, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 11.06.2018.
3)An ordinance to repeal the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, published in Andhra Pradesh Gazette, PART IV-B Extraordinary, No.6, Amaravati, dated 16.08.2022.
4)G.O.Ms.No.98, General Administration (Services-E) Dept., dated 18.08.2022.
5)U.O. Note No.18782840/GAD/COI-R/2022-20, General Administration (COI-R) Dept., dated 02.01.2023.
6)G.O.Ms.No.37, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 26.06.2023.
7)G.O.Rt.No.46, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 26.06.2023.
8)From Sri V. Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, Written Statement of Defense, dated 16.10.2023.
9)G.O.Rt.Nos.97 & 98, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 06.12.2023.

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Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has stated that, on credible information, a surprise check was conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Authorities on Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on 03/04.06.2016 and found certain irregularities. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has recommended to place Sri V. Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on his defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings for violation of Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 9(8) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. After examining the matter, Government have placed Sri V. Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on his defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP) vide reference 2nd read above.

3. Whereas, in the references 3rd and 4th read above, Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 was repealed and all cases pending before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings were transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings.

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4. Whereas, the disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri V.Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District by issuing the Article of Charge against him vide G.O. 7th read above read with G.O. 6th read above, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge and submitted his written statement of defense received vide reference 8th read above.

5. And whereas, in the G.Os. 9th read above, orders have been issued appointing Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, I.P.S., Transport Commissioner, A.P., and Sri Sarva Srinivasa Rao, Advocate as Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against Sri V. Chandra Sekhar, FSO (Retd.).

6. And whereas, it has been decided to entrust the case to departmental inquiry by appointing an Inquiring Authority duly withdrawing the case from the Commissionerate of Inquiries as at present the Commissioner of Inquiries is not functioning and keeping in view the time line specified in G.O.Ms.No.91, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 12.09.2022.

7. Accordingly, Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint Sri K. Mahaboob Basha, IFS., Divisional Forest Officer (T), Nellore, as an Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri V. Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.

8. The Inquiry Officer is directed to complete the inquiry and submit his report within three (3) months.

9. Copies of the Article of Charges and written statement of defence received from the Charged Officer are herewith enclosed.

10. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Mahaboob Basha, IFS., Divisional Forest Officer (T), Nellore **through** the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Sri V. Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District **through** the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER